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REMARKS**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Status of the Claims

After amendment, claims 1-58, 60-65, 70, 71, 73-76, 78, 80, 86-90, 93, 96-99, and 102-132 are pending. Claims 1-55, 93, 103-107, and 110-120 are withdrawn, and claims 59, 66-69, 72, 77, 79, 81-85, 91-92, 94, 95 and 100-101 were canceled previously.

Species Election

Applicant previously elected Group V drawn to a process for preparing a soft tissue graft optionally involving the use of hypertonic treatment solutions. After amendment Group V includes claims 56-58, 60-65, 70, 71, 73-76, 78, 80, 86-90, 96-99, 102, 108, 109, and 121-132.

The Examiner also required election of a single species of claim 58, namely polyoxyethylene alcohol, polyoxyethylene isoalcohol, polyoxyethylene p-t-octyl phenol, polyoxyethylene nonylphenol, polyoxyethylene esters of fatty acids, and polyoxyethylene sorbitol esters; a single species from claim 61, namely sodium dodecylsulphate, sodium dodecylsulphonate, sodium dodecyl-N-sarcosinate, sodium laurylsulfate, and sodium suramin; a single species from claim 65, namely chlorine dioxide, ethanol, isopropanol, methanol, glycerol, and methylparaben; and a single species from claim 86, namely sodium chloride, potassium chloride, lithium chloride, calcium chloride, sodium phosphate, calcium hydroxide, potassium sulfate, lithium sulfate, calcium phosphate, potassium phosphate, lithium phosphate, ammonium chloride, magnesium chloride, and calcium sulfate.

The Examiner further required that Applicant specify a monovalent salt, a divalent salt, and an antimicrobial agent consistent with the requirements of claim 62 and the anionic detergent chosen for prosecution in claim 61.

Applicant elects polyoxyethylene alcohol, sodium dodecylsulphate, isopropanol, and magnesium chloride for claims 58, 61, 65, and 86. Applicant further elects sodium chloride, magnesium chloride, and isopropanol for claim 62.

The elections read on claims 56-58, 60-65, 70, 71, 73-76, 78, 80, 86-90, 96-99, 102, 108, 109, and 121-132.

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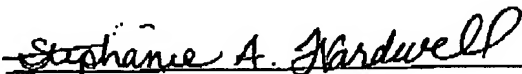
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response; please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3420 (95176562-004002).

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